



City of Concord

Weekly City Manager Newsletter

March 4, 2016

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

Residents are reminded that 4th quarter installment payments for 2015 property taxes are due by March 31, 2016. There are several payment options available:



- Make your payment in person at the Collections Office located in City Hall. Office hours are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, with extended hours until 6:00 PM on Thursdays.
- Drop your payment in the mail slot at the front door of City Hall. Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and you will receive same day credit.
- Mail your payment to City of Concord, P.O. Box 9582, Manchester, NH 03108-9582.
- Pay on line at www.concordnh.gov and follow the link to Online Bill Pay. While on line, take the opportunity to sign up for future e-mail alerts to remind you when taxes are due.

SEWALLS FALLS BRIDGE

This week's construction activities at the Sewalls Falls Bridge included continued installation of steel piles for the north abutment footing; installation of temporary structures used to support the existing south truss; and dismantling of the existing steel grid decking on the south truss. These activities will continue next week, as well as water main installation along Sewalls Falls Road on the south side of the project, and drainage installation adjacent to the NH Fish and Game parking lot.

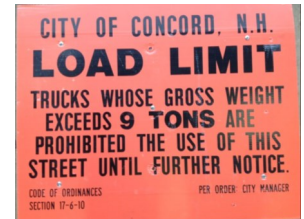


2015-2016 WINTER COMPARISON

This winter has been very mild compared to last year, which has benefitted the City of Concord. This year, through the end of February, Concord has had 13 winter storm events and received 24 inches of snow; compared to 24 storm events and 84 inches of snow received through the same time frame last year. According to the National Weather Service, Concord has had the warmest winter on record with a mean average temperature of 30.9°, breaking the previous record of 30.4° in 1879-1880. It has been so warm that the General Services Department has only responded to three frozen water services this year, compared to approximately 30 last year. Expenses for winter operations so far this year are half of what was expensed through February 2015. Decreased snowfall and freezing road conditions has resulted in the need for less services and materials, and the use of road salt is reduced from 7,025 tons used last year to 4,000 tons so far this year. There is also a noticeable decrease in wear and tear to pavement due to less use of plows.



SPRING LOAD LIMIT POSTINGS



Load limit signs will be posted early this year on City roads due to the mild winter season. The Concord General Services sign crew will begin posting roads on March 7th, in order to maintain road conditions during the spring thaw. During the spring thaw, roads contract back down, causing cracks and breaks in the pavement. This weakens the road structure and eventually potholes can form. Road damage conditions are directly linked to the amount of weight placed on a road and how often a road is used. Posting weight restrictions during the spring thaw prevents heavy vehicles from creating excess road damage. The load limit postings will continue as required, and will likely be enforced until April. For more information and a list of posted roads, visit www.concordnh.gov/springoperations.

BEAVER MEADOW GOLF COURSE

The driving range at Beaver Meadow Golf Course will open for the season on Sunday, March 6th. The range will be open seven days a week, 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM. For more information, call the Pro Shop at 228-8954.

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